Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 04 May 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 05 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 03 May 2021 at 15:10

Confidence: High confidence in the cool and showery theme during the next few days. Low confidence on the timings of rain on Saturday.

Headline for Tuesday 04 May 2021: Severe gale force winds easing during the early hours, but remaining blustery throughout the day with a mixture of clear/sunny spells and scattered showers. Showers will be heavy at times, and are likely to fall as sleet or snow at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 04 May 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** High Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Sleet showers	Heavy rain showers	Hail showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%

Forecast for Tuesday 04 May 2021

Weather: Westerly to northwesterly winds will moderate during the early hours, but gusts will continue to reach gale force until around mid-morning. The strong winds will bring frequent showers across the park during the early hours, with these falling as sleet or snow across the highest peaks. During the day we will see little change, with further showers, which will turn heavy at times, with a risk of hail and also possibly thunder at times. Showers will continue into the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% during the early hours, but increasing to 60% after dawn, but decreasing to 30% in the evening.

Visibility: Generally very good away from showers, but falling to moderate during rain showers and poor or very poor during any sleet or snow showers, giving very limited views. Cloud bases are expected to be around 500m during the early hours, giving very limited views above this height, but will lift to around above the summits by dawn. Cloud bases however will temporarily reduce back down to around 500m during the passage of showers, and then lower more widely to between 500 and 600m during the evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	36/47 NW	43/56 NW	39/51 NW	33/45 NW	32/45 NW	28/40 NW	24/33 NW	20/26 NW	19/25 NW
600	27/37 NW	31/43 NW	28/40 NW	26/37 NW	23/35 NW	22/33 NW	18/28 NW	14/20 NW	13/19 NW
300	19/34 NW	21/38 NW	20/36 NW	18/33 NW	18/34 NW	16/29 NW	13/24 NW	8/17 NW	8/16 NW
Valley	20/34 NW	23/39 NW	21/37 NW	20/34 NW	19/35 NW	16/29 NW	14/25 NW	10/19 NW	10/17 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	2/-6	-0/-10	-0/-9	0/-8	1/-7	0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8
600	4/-3	2/-6	2/-5	2/-4	3/-3	3/-3	2/-4	1/-4	0/-5
300	6/1	4/-2	4/-1	4/-0	5/0	5/1	4/0	3/-0	2/-1
Valley	7/2	5/-1	6/0	6/1	6/2	6/2	6/2	5/1	4/0
Freezing Level*	1100m	800m	800m	800m	800m	700m	700m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

The blustery winds throughout the day will make it feel cold for the time of year, especially during the passage of any showers.
UV levels will be high during any sunnier spells especially around the middle of the day.

Forecast for Wednesday 05 May 2021

Weather: Another cold day with scattered showers, with the risk of hail at times, and also some sleet and snow across the highest peaks. In-between the showers, some clear/sunny spells will develop. Winds will be lighter, which may help it feel slightly less cold than Tuesday.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 20mph gusting 30mph, falling to 10mph gusting 15mph later in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% rising to 70% during the morning, then 90% by the afternoon.

Visibility: Generally very good away from showers, but falling to moderate during the passage of showers. Cloud bases are to be around 400 to 500m during the early hours, before gradually lifting above the summits during the morning. Cloud bases may temporarily reduce to 600m during the passage of showers, obscuring the views from the tops of the mountains.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 03 Celsius to Plus 12 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 03 Celsius rising to Plus 00 Celsius
Freezing level: Initially around 600m but rising to around 800m by lunchtime

Friday	Another cold day, with a mixture of sunny spells and a few showers. The showers should be well isolated with some parts of the park remaining dry throughout the day. Freezing levels above the summits.
Saturday	A cold and bright start, but cloud and rain will spread in from the west during the day. Southerly winds also strengthening throughout the afternoon, with possible gales later.

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